
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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**Kent County Animal Shelter Gifts
Help Homeless Pets**

GRAND RAPIDS - There is no better time to support the Kent County Animal Shelter! Two special gifts from the Michigan Animal Welfare Fund and GEORGE'S FUND (in memory of dog owner and KCAS supporter George Lewis) will help more homeless pets than ever before. Dogs are only \$50.00 (plus \$12 license fee) and cats are only \$5.00. This includes spay/neuter costs and getting the pet up-to-date on vaccinations!

George Lewis of Grand Rapids was a dog owner and a supporter of the Kent County Animal Shelter. One of his final wishes before he passed away in October 2012 was to help the Kent County Animal Shelter. "George's Fund will be used to help place hundreds of pets into new homes," said Adam London, acting Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department, which oversees the shelter. "We are fortunate to have such a caring, giving benefactor who wants to provide not just for animals, but for the families in Kent County as well."

The Kent County Animal Shelter also received \$9,956 from the Michigan Animal Welfare Fund. The fund, which is regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, supports projects that increase the number of dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted in Michigan. Animal Control Shelters and Animal Protection Shelters licensed by the state and in good standing are eligible for the grants. "We are honored that the state approved our grant request," London said. "We're also very proud that the state recognized and rewarded our staff's efforts to increase adoptions of homeless pets." MDARD awarded \$177,000 in grants to a total of 20 shelters for 2013.

Special pricing begins today and will continue until the funding runs out.

Kent County Animal Shelter
740 Fuller NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.632.7300

GET PRE-APPROVED at www.icpawz.com, where you can also check out our featured pets!

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

Saturday 8 a.m. - noon*

*Adoptions end one hour before closing

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.

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